

AP-61 Chesapeake Herradura #3, Lea County

July 2002 - Xeric oil and gas company drill date, lined drilling pit

Nov 2002 - NMOCD noted problems with pit but did not issue a violation letter

May 2004 - Chesapeake bought the well and pit was closed during transaction - unknown if pit contents remained onsite

Aug 2004 - NMOCD requests abatement plan because chloride contamination was detected in a monitoring well at a property east of the well site (MW7 at Champion Technologies, an oil and gas service yard)

Nov 13, 2006 - BBC 2 page letter "abatement plan"

Nov 16, 2006 - warning letter that abatement plan has not been submitted in a timely fashion and that the 2 page letter was not sufficient to be considered an abatement plan.

Dec 2006 - Abatement Plan submitted

August 2007 - Chesapeake asks about status of the plan approval

site investigation proposed to drill borings outside the pit footprint to prevent puncturing the liner

MW1 southeast corner of pit

MW2 north part of east side of pit

MW3 west of pit on the other side of the well pad

soil borings 1 at south side, 2 at west side, 3 at north side

MW7 at Champion Technologies is directly southeast of MW1 which is at southeast corner of pit

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August 8, 2007

Mr. Glenn Von Gonten  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**SUBJECT: STAGE 1 ABATEMENT PLAN (AP-061)  
HERRADURA NO. 3**

Dear Mr. Von Gonten:

I am writing to inquire on the status of the above referenced Abatement Plan No. AP-061 for the Chesapeake Energy Herradura No.3.

The Abatement Plan was submitted to you on December 8, 2006.

Chesapeake Energy would like to move forward on this investigation as soon as possible.

I would appreciate an approval by August 24, 2007 so we can schedule investigation activities. It is anticipated to begin investigation activities by the end of September of the first of October 2007.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Chesapeake Energy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bradley Blevins".

Bradley Blevins  
Environmental Field Technician

cc: Wayne Price-NMOCD, Santa Fe, NM  
Curtis Blake-Chesapeake Energy, Hobbs, NM  
Harlan Brown-Chesapeake Energy, Oklahoma City, OK  
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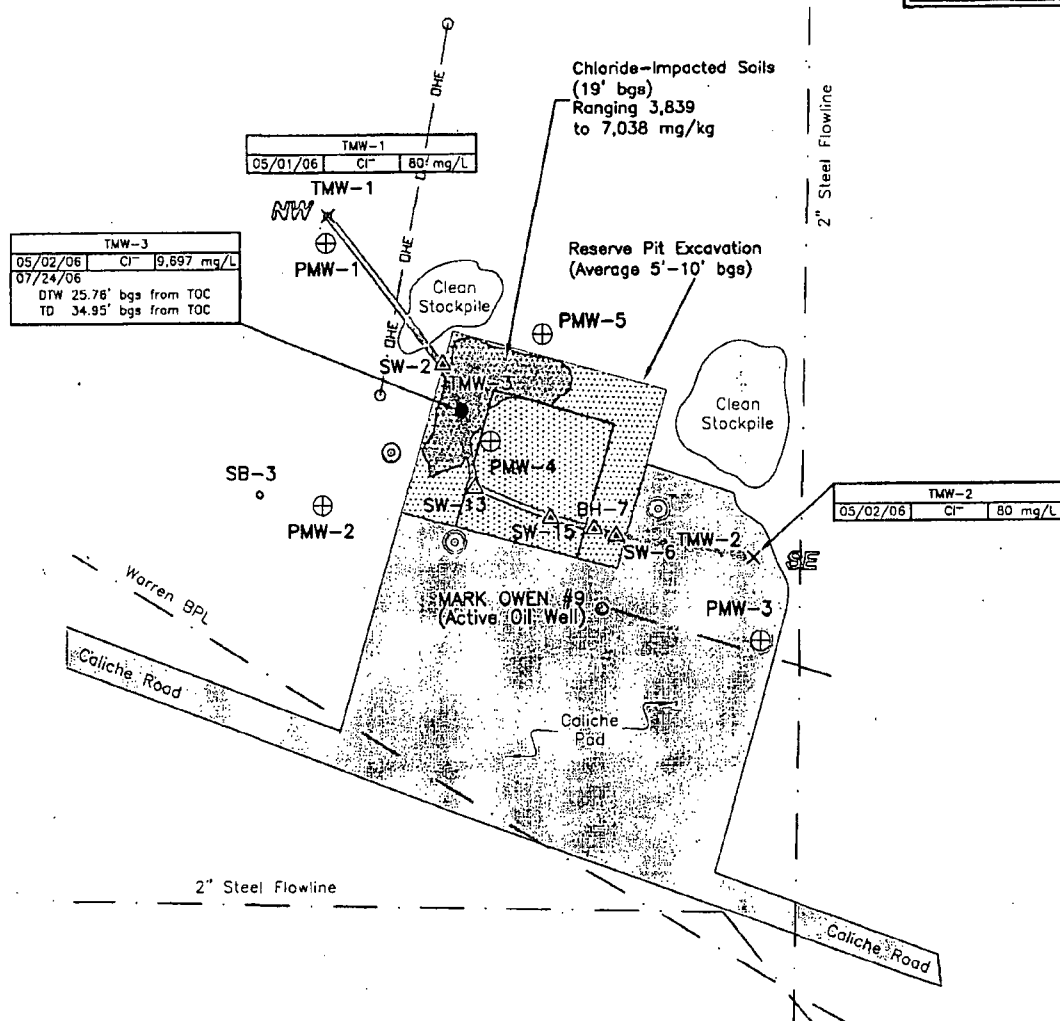
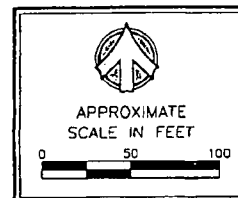
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#### LEGEND

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● Oil Well Location	bgs Below Ground Surface	Cl <sup>-</sup> Chlorides (groundwater)
✕ Plugged Monitoring Well	DTW Depth to Water	mg/Kg Milligrams per Kilogram (soils)
⊕ Proposed Monitoring Well	TOC Top of Casing	mg/L Milligrams per Liter (groundwater)
⊙ Proposed Soil Boring	— Line of Section	Δ Soil Sample Location

#### NOTES:

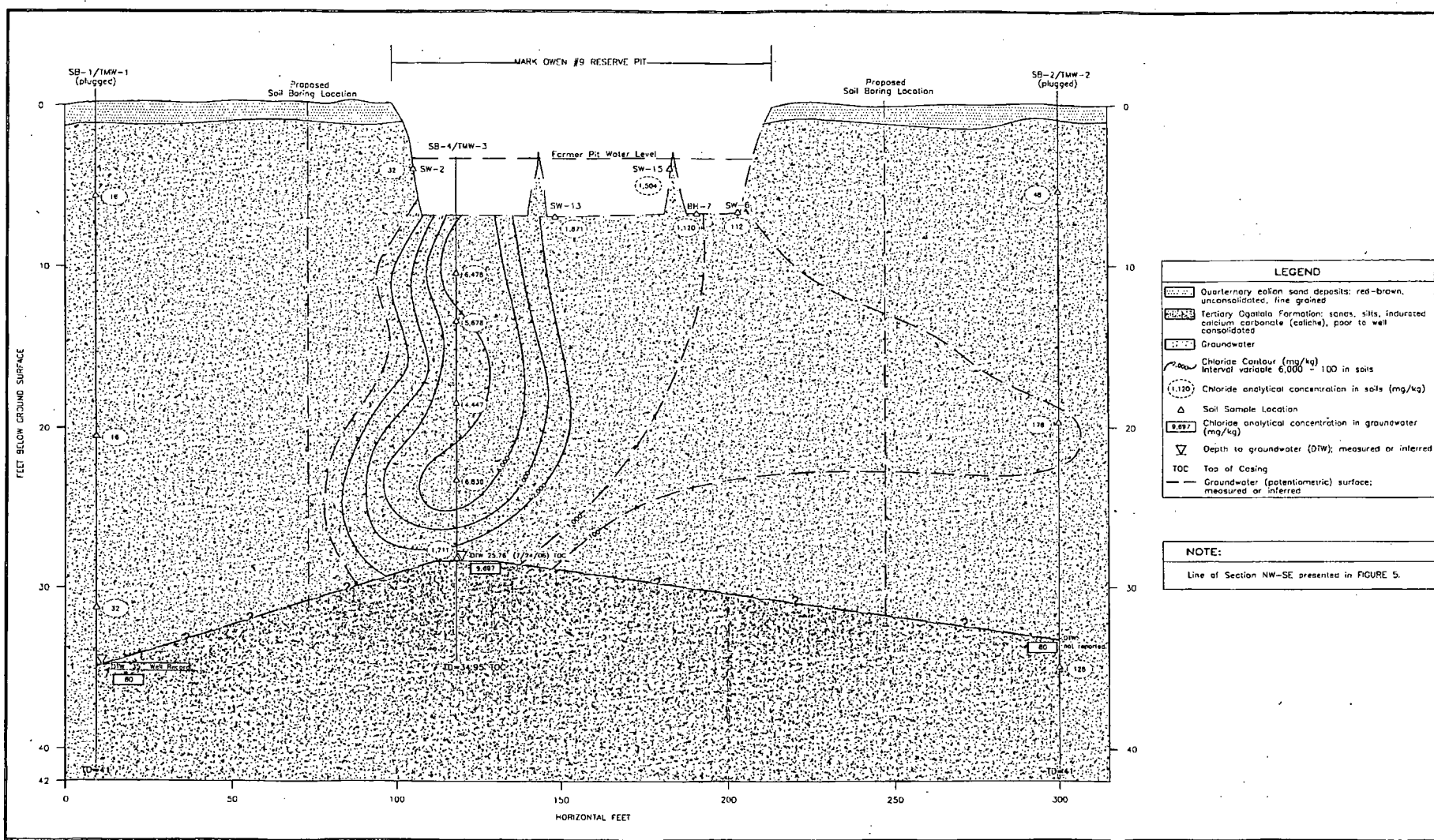
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2. NW-SE Cross Section - site conditions presented as FIGURE 4.



PROPOSED SOIL BORING AND MONITORING WELL LOCATION MAP  
CHEVRON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY  
MARK OWEN #9 RESERVE PIT  
NW/4 OF SE/4 SECTION 34; T-21-S, R-37-E LEA COUNTY, NM

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**Fax****To:** Glenn Von Gonten**From:** Cliff P. Brunson**Fax:** 505-478-3462**Pages:** 1**Phone:****Date:** 11/16/2006**Re:** Herradura No. 3 - AP061**CC:**

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**• Comments:**

Glenn,

This fax is to confirm your granting of an extension of the due date of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan for the Chesapeake Herradura No. 3 to December 8, 2006.

I look forward to your confirmation of this extension.

Thank you,

*Cliff P. Brunson*

Cliff P. Brunson  
President

*Cliff,**In consideration of the holiday,**OCS approves the revised due date of 12/08/2006**Glenn von Gonten*

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**To:** Harlan Brown  
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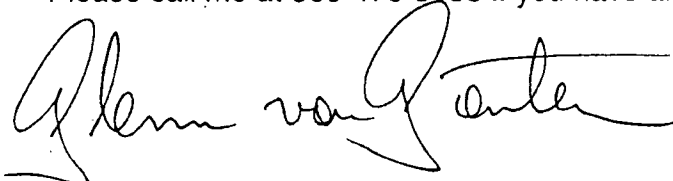
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AP061

Please call me at 505-476-3488 if you have any questions.



Glenn von Gonten

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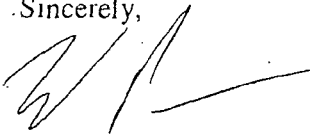
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MEMORANDUM

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THRU: WAYNE PRICE, ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU CHIEF  
FROM: GLENN VON GONTEN, SENIOR HYDROLOGIST  
SUBJECT: GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION FROM DRILLING PIT RELEASES  
IN LEA COUNTY  
DATE: AUGUST 9, 2006

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Bureau and Hobbs District staff are aware of five known or suspected contamination cases in which brine associated with drilling pits has contaminated shallow ground water with chlorides in Lea County in concentrations that exceed the WQCC ground water standards. OCD has called in Abatement Plans pursuant to Rule 19 on two of the five cases. On three of the five cases, the operators are in the process of confirming that a chlorides release has impacted ground water. When that final information is received, OCD will call in Abatement Plans for those sites at which ground water has been impacted by chlorides.

Samson Resources Co. -Livestock 30 State No. 1 Lease  
Section 30, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico  
Maximum chloride concentration in ground water: 3999 µg/l  
Status: Abatement Plan called in on July 21, 2006

Chesapeake Herradura No. 3  
Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico  
Maximum chloride concentration in ground water: 3000 µg/l (at monitoring well at adjacent downgradient site)  
Status: Abatement Plan called in on August 8, 2006

Apache Corp. Smith No. 4/EBDU #52  
Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico  
Status: Vadose zone soil chlorides contamination confirmed; ground water determination pending.

Chesapeake William 14 Fed  
Section 14, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico  
Status: Vadose zone soil chlorides contamination confirmed; ground water determination pending.

Samson Resources Co. State BD No. 4  
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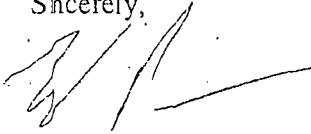
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**LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Von Gonten:

On behalf of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake), BBC International, Inc. (BBC) is submitting this Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with the NMOCD's Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate potential ground water contamination at Chesapeake's Herradura No. 3 well site located in Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

The Stage 1 Abatement Plan will include at a minimum the following activities required under Rule 19:

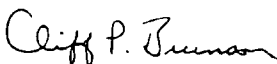
- Description of the site including known site history, a site map, and a summary of any previous investigations.
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- Ground water monitoring well construction diagrams will be submitted.
- Permission will be obtained to sample Champion Technologies' groundwater monitoring wells No. 15 (up gradient) and No. 7 (down gradient).
- Soil borings will be advanced at the site to delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of potential chloride contamination present at the site in the vadose zone. Site history information, conditions, and field screening analytical techniques will dictate the location, depth, and number of soil borings advanced at the site.
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- A paper and electronic copy of all work plans and/or reports will be submitted to both the Santa Fe, New Mexico and Hobbs, New Mexico offices of the NMOCD.
- Upon NMOCD approval of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan, all public notice and participation requirements under Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC), specifically Rule 19G, will be followed.

I look forward to receiving NMOCD approval of this Stage 1 Abatement Plan. If you have any questions, please contact either Bradley Blevins with Chesapeake at (505) 391-1462, ext. 6224 or [bblevins@chkenergy.com](mailto:bblevins@chkenergy.com) or myself at (505) 397-6388 or [cbrunson@bbcinternational.com](mailto:cbrunson@bbcinternational.com).

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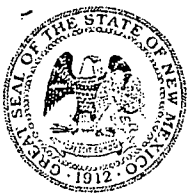
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October 4, 2006

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**RE: REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ABATEMENT PLAN  
CHESAPEAKE HERRADURA NO. 3  
SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Brown:

In response to your letter of September 22, 2006, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake) may inspect the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) files on the Champion Technologies, Inc. site and our field inspectors photographs during normal business hours. OCD noted problems with the Herradura No. 3 drilling pit during site visits on November 19, 2002 and January 21, 2003, but did not issue a formal Notice of Violation at that time. As previously noted, OCD has determined based on monitoring data from Monitor Well No. 7 at the Champion Technologies, Inc. site that the recent increase in the chlorides concentration at the Champion site is most likely due to a chloride plume migrating from the former Herradura No. 3 drilling pit onto the Champion site. OCD rejects your assertion that the requirement for Chesapeake to submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan is "*without merit*." The implications of the monitoring data are clear and unambiguous; therefore, as the "*responsible person*" of record, Chesapeake must submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan.

As per Mr. Hagemeier's verbal request, OCD hereby extends the due date for Chesapeake's submission of its Stage 1 Abatement Plan from October 16, 2006; until November 1, 2006. OCD

Mr. Harlan Brown  
October 4, 2006  
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If you have any questions, please contact Glenn von Gonten of my staff at (505) 476-3488.

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Mr. Wayne Price  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
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Re: NMOCD Requirement to submit Abatement Plan  
Chesapeake Herradura No. 3  
Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 38 East  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Price:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. has received your August 8, 2006 letter requiring a Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with OCD's Rule 19. We were unaware that the NMOCD had a problem with this site until we received the letter. Your letter notes that contamination observed at Champion Technologies' MW-7, 4001 South Highway 18 is coming from the former drilling pit associated with the Herradura No.3 and that the "OCD noted several problems with the drilling pit during a site inspection in November 2002".


We have checked our well records (including those obtained from former owner Xeric) looking for NMOCD correspondence noting any deficiencies associated with the Herradura No.3. There is no previous indication that there was a problem at this site. We would like to know why the assertion is made that contamination at MW-7 is originating from the well site.

Please provide any information that has led to this conclusion. We would also appreciate copies of any previous correspondence related to NMOCD's November 2002 field inspection that details the problems observed.

Chesapeake is proactive in our dealings with environmental issues. However, the current request appears to be without merit based on the information provided. We would like to have the opportunity to evaluate the data we have requested before we jump into an elaborate site remediation plan.

Respectfully,

Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

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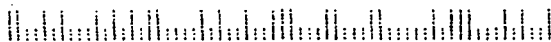
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**August 8, 2006**

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CHESAPEAKE HERRADURA NO. 3  
SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Blevins:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has determined that Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake) must submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with OCD's Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate ground water contamination at its Herradura No. 3 lease located in Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico. OCD is requiring this abatement plan at this time because it has determined that the chloride contamination recently detected at Monitor Well No. 7 at the adjacent Champion Technologies, Inc. site at 4001 South Highway 18 is coming from the former drilling pit associated with the Herradura No. 3. OCD noted several problems with the drilling pit during a site inspection in November 2002.

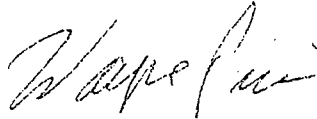
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Mr. Brad Blevins  
August 8, 2006  
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Chesapeake should submit one paper copy and one electronic copy of all future workplans and/or reports. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn von Conten of my staff at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,

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Wayne Price  
Environmental Bureau Chief

cc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor

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Dear Mr. Von Gonten:

On behalf of Chesapeake Operating, Inc., BBC International, Inc. respectfully submits the enclosed Stage 1 Abatement Plan (AP-061).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself at (505) 397-6388 or via e-mail at [cbrunson@bbcinternational.com](mailto:cbrunson@bbcinternational.com) or Bradley Blevins with Chesapeake Operating, Inc. at (505) 391-1462.

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# **HERRADURA NO. 3**

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## **STAGE 1 ABATEMENT PLAN (AP-061)**

**DECEMBER 2006**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The subject site is located south of Hobbs, New Mexico in Lea County in Unit Letter I, of Section 15, Township 19 South, and Range 38 East. The site is an active oil well that was drilled in July 2002 and operated by Xeric Oil and Gas Corporation of Midland, Texas. The well utilized a lined drilling pit to contain drilling fluids and solids. The NMOCD visited the site on November 19, 2002 and on January 21, 2003 and noted problems with the drilling pit during the site visits. However, the NMOCD did not issue a formal Notice of Violation at the time and has not since (See **Appendix I**-NMOCD letter, October 4, 2006).

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake) purchased the Herradura No. 3 on May 7, 2004. The drilling pit was closed at the time of the purchase. Chesapeake was not aware of any problems associated with this well until receiving a letter from the NMOCD on August 8, 2006 (See **Appendix I**-NMOCD letter, August 8, 2006) in which the NMOCD notified Chesapeake that the NMOCD was requiring Chesapeake to submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with NMOCD's regulations found in Rule 19 of the New Mexico Administrative Code, Chapter 15, Part 15.1.19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate ground water contamination at the site. The NMOCD stated this requirement was determined by chloride contamination being recently detected at Monitor Well No. 7 at the adjacent Champion Technologies, Inc. site at 4001 South Highway 18 which is located east of the Herradura No. 3.

The site is a level packed caliche well pad approximately the size of 300 feet by 280 feet which is fenced and accessible by driving through Champion Technologies yard (See **Figure 1**).

Chesapeake is unaware of any previous investigations related to this site.

Chesapeake has retained BBC International, Inc. (BBC) to investigate and manage the site activities at the Herradura No. 3.

## 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject property is located in southern Lea County in the southeastern corner of New Mexico. The area is in the Pecos River Valley section of the Great Plains physiographic province and is located in the southern margin of the Llano Estacado. The region is generally a treeless, gently sloping plain, with shallow playa lakes, sand dunes and covered with short prairie grass. The climate of the Hobbs area is classified as semi-arid to arid and is characterized by low annual rainfall, low humidity, and a high average annual temperature. Local precipitation averages approximately 16 inches per year (Nicholson and Clebsch). Evaporation in the region is approximately 79 inches per year and over 95 percent of all precipitation is lost by direct evaporation. The typical recharge to the aquifer is approximately 0.5 inch/year (USGS, 2000).



The site is located in the southeastern quadrant of Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 38 East. The site is within the Hobbs Pool oil and gas field and is approximately 5 miles east of the Monument Pool.

The vadose zone at the site is mostly silty caliche. According to information gathered by Champion Technologies environmental investigation, boring logs and excavations indicate a 5-foot thick hard caliche layer approximately ranging from 20 to 25 feet below ground surface and a second hard caliche layer ranging from 50 to 56 feet below ground surface (ESC, 2006).

Currently, there is a commercial oil field services operation to the northeast; Champion Technologies chemical company to the east; vacant land to the west; a residence to the north; and a residence to the southeast. The residence to the southeast has a water supply well located south of Champion Technologies' fenced yard and several hundreds of feet to the southeast of the Herradura No. 3 well location.

### **3.0 SITE INVESTIGATION**

Chesapeake is submitting this Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with the NMOCD's Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate potential ground water contamination at Chesapeake's Herradura No. 3 well site located in Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Chesapeake proposes the following to investigate and delineate the site utilizing the advancement of soil borings and ground water monitoring wells and associated laboratory analyses.

#### **3.1 Soil**

A minimum of three (3) soil borings will be advanced at the site to delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of potential chloride contamination present in the vadose zone. The proposed location of these soil borings are depicted on **Figure 2**.

The location of the proposed soil borings are necessary to locate and delineate the area of the former drilling pit associated with this well. It is unknown if the pit contents still exist on location, therefore, the soil borings will assist in determining if the pit contents still exist and the extent of the area that the drilling pit encompasses along with the potential impact of chloride that may exist in the vadose zone at the site. The soil borings will be placed to drill outside the boundaries of the former drilling pit so the liner will not be punctured and compromised.

Site history information, conditions, and field screening analytical techniques for chloride will dictate the depth and any additional number of soil borings advanced at the site.

An air-rotary rig equipped with split-spoon sampling tools will be used to advance the soil borings and collect the soil samples. The soil borings advanced at the site will be sampled initially in the near surface (0-3 feet below ground surface (bgs)), then sampled every five feet until terminus.

### **3.2 QA/QC Sampling Procedures-Soil**

The soil samples will be obtained by personnel utilizing appropriate sampling tools and wearing clean disposable gloves. The soil samples will be collected using sampling tools that will be decontaminated using an Alconox detergent solution and rinsed with distilled water between sampling events. The drilling equipment will be decontaminated prior to being brought on the site as well as decontaminated between soil borings.

Each soil sampling interval will be split into two equal portions and placed in separate containers. The first portion of the sample will be placed into a container to field screen the soil using chloride titration analysis. The second portion of the sample will be placed in a sterile glass container equipped with a Teflon-lined lid furnished by the testing laboratory. Each container will be filled to capacity with soil. All containers will be labeled, placed on ice in an insulated cooler, and chilled to a temperature of approximately 40°F (4°C). The cooler will be sealed for delivery to the laboratory for laboratory testing utilizing proper chain of custody documentation throughout the sampling process. The samples will be delivered for analysis to Trace Laboratories, Inc. in Lubbock, Texas. The laboratory will be responsible for proper QA/QC procedures utilized during the analytical process. These procedures are either transmitted with the laboratory reports or are on file at the laboratory.

### **3.3 Laboratory Analysis-Soil**

The soil samples will be analyzed for all constituents contained in the following analytical methods for initial site characterization according to NMOCD requirements:

- Metals – Method SW6020
- Total Mercury – Method 7470
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) – Method SW 846-8015 Modified DRO/GRO
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs (including BTEX)) – Method SW 846-8260B
- Semi-volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) – Method SW 846-8270C
- Chloride – Method E300

- Cyanide – Method E335.3
- Nitrogen, Nitrite – Method E354.1
- pH – Method E150.1

### **3.4 Ground Water**

A minimum of three (3) ground water monitoring wells will be advanced and installed at the site to delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of potential chloride contamination present in the vadose zone and the ground water aquifer. The proposed location of these ground water monitoring wells are depicted on **Figure 2**.

The locations of the proposed ground water monitoring wells are necessary to assist in delineating the impact of the ground water from the former drilling pit associated with this well.

Two up gradient wells and one down gradient of the drilling pit will be installed in order to define the site geology and hydrogeology of potential vadose-zone and ground water contamination, subsurface hydraulic conductivity, transmissivity, storativity, and rate and direction of potential contaminant migration. If site conditions warrant the collection of additional data concerning ground water, additional ground water monitoring wells may be installed.

An air-rotary rig equipped with split-spoon sampling tools will be used to advance the ground water monitoring wells and collect the soil samples. The ground water monitoring wells advanced at the site will be sampled initially in the near surface (0-3 feet below ground surface (bgs)), then sampled every five feet until terminus.

### **3.5 QA/QC Sampling Procedures-Soil (Ground Water Monitoring Wells)**

The soil samples will be obtained by personnel utilizing appropriate sampling tools and wearing clean disposable gloves. The soil samples will be collected using sampling tools that will be decontaminated using an Alconox detergent solution and rinsed with distilled water between sampling events. The drilling equipment will be decontaminated prior to being brought on the site as well as decontaminated between soil borings.

Each soil sampling interval will be split into two equal portions and placed in separate containers. The first portion of the sample will be placed into a container to field screen the soil using chloride titration analysis. The second portion of the sample will be placed in a sterile glass container equipped with a Teflon-lined lid furnished by the testing laboratory. Each container will be filled to capacity with soil. All containers will be labeled, placed on ice in an insulated cooler, and chilled to a temperature of approximately 40°F (4°C). The cooler will be sealed for delivery to the laboratory for laboratory testing utilizing proper chain of

custody documentation throughout the sampling process. The samples will be delivered for analysis to Trace Laboratories, Inc. in Lubbock, Texas.

The laboratory will be responsible for proper QA/QC procedures utilized during the analytical process. These procedures are either transmitted with the laboratory reports or are on file at the laboratory.

### **3.6 Laboratory Analysis-Soil (Ground Water Monitoring Wells)**

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- Chloride – Method E300
- Cyanide – Method E335.3
- Nitrogen, Nitrite – Method E354.1
- pH – Method E150.1

### **3.7 Ground Water Monitor Well Construction and Development**

The proposed ground water monitor wells will be completed in the locations as depicted in **Figure 2**. The wells will be constructed of a minimum of fifteen (15) feet of 2 inch (2") PVC well screen with ten (10) feet of well screen below the water table. Blank PVC riser will be extended to the surface. Filter sand will be installed to two-three (2-3) feet above the well screen followed by a bentonite plug and cement grout to the surface with a cement pad and locking vault put in place.

The ground water monitor wells will be developed by surging and bailing or pumping to facilitate ground water flow into the well bore. Following development, the wells will be gauged for depth to ground water and to determine if free hydrocarbons are present. A minimum of twelve (12) hours after installation, the wells will be gauged, purged, and sampled for the required constituents.

### **3.8 QA/QC Sampling Procedures-Ground Water**

The ground water monitor wells will be developed and purged prior to sampling. Monitoring wells with a sufficient recharge will be purged by removing a minimum

of three well volumes. Monitoring wells that do not recharge sufficiently will be purged until no additional ground water can be obtained.

After purging the newly installed wells, groundwater samples will be collected with a disposable Teflon sampler and polyethylene line by personnel wearing clean, disposable gloves. Groundwater sample containers will be filled in the order of decreasing volatilization sensitivity (i.e., BTEX containers filled first and PAH containers second).

Groundwater water samples collected for BTEX analysis will be placed in 40 ml glass VOA vials equipped with Teflon lined caps that will be provided by the analytical laboratory. The vials will be filled to a positive meniscus, sealed, and visually checked to ensure the absence of air bubbles.

Ground water samples collected for PAH analysis will be filled to capacity in sterile, one (1) liter glass containers equipped with Teflon lined caps. Ground water samples collected for metals analysis will be filled to capacity in sterile, one (1) liter plastic containers equipped with Teflon lined caps. All of the sampling containers will be provided by the analytical laboratory.

All containers will be labeled, placed on ice in an insulated cooler, and chilled to a temperature of approximately 40°F (4°C). The cooler will be sealed for delivery to the laboratory for laboratory testing utilizing proper chain of custody documentation throughout the sampling process. The samples will be delivered for analysis to Trace Laboratories, Inc. in Lubbock, Texas.

The laboratory will be responsible for proper QA/QC procedures utilized during the analytical process. These procedures are either transmitted with the laboratory reports or are on file at the laboratory.

### **3.9 Laboratory Analysis-Ground Water Monitoring Wells**

The ground water samples will be analyzed for all constituents contained in the following analytical methods for initial site characterization according to NMOCD requirements:

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- Total Mercury – Method 7470
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs (including BTEX)) – Method SW 846-8260B
- Semi-volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) – Method SW 846-8270C
- Chloride – Method E300
- Cyanide – Method E335.3
- Nitrogen, Nitrite – Method E354.1
- pH – Method E150.1
- Total Dissolved Solids – E160.1

#### **4.0 ADDITIONAL GROUND WATER SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS**

In addition to the sampling of the installed ground water monitoring wells, Chesapeake proposes to obtain permission from Champion Technologies, Inc. to gain access to gauge and sample two of Champion's ground water monitoring wells. These well are MW-7 and MW-15. These wells are located off of the Herradura No. 3 site with MW-15 located to the north (up gradient) and MW-7 located to the east of the site (down gradient). These wells will be sampled for chloride using the method referenced above in Section 2.9. Additionally, permission will be sought to sample the domestic water well that is located south of Champion's property and to the south east of the Herradura No. 3 well location. This well will be sampled for chloride as well.

#### **5.0 MONITORING PLAN**

All site ground water monitoring wells will be gauged and sampled on a quarterly basis during the life of the abatement process. The constituents analyzed for will be determined in consultation with the NMOCD after the initial characterization of the first sampling event after the installation of the ground water monitoring wells.

#### **6.0 AQUIFER DESCRIPTION**

Several aquifers are located in the Hobbs area, the Quaternary alluvium, the Ogallala formation, and the Triassic Dockum Group which is composed of the Chinle formation and the Santa Rosa Sandstone (Nicholson and Clebsch). The City of Hobbs obtains ground water for domestic use from the Ogallala formation which is the major fresh water aquifer in the area. According to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE), current depth to water in the site vicinity is approximately 50 to 60 feet and ground water flow direction in the Ogallala aquifer is towards the east southeast.

The site is within the limits of the Lea County Basin as declared by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). In the Lea County Basin, the sole source of drinking water is the Ogallala Aquifer. NMOSE records indicate the depth to groundwater generally decreases to the west. In the Southern High Plains area, which includes the Ogallala, approximately 95 percent of the groundwater recharge occurs in playas that cover approximately 5 percent of the land surface; within the playas, up to 80 percent of the recharge occurs through macropores, such as cracks and burrow holes, and the remaining 20 percent, through interstitial spaces in the soil (Wood, et al, 1997 and USGS, 2000). Based on these data, the estimated infiltration rate for the general land area is approximately 360 times slower than that which occurs in playas, and the typical infiltration rate through the vast majority of the land would be approximately 0.03 inch per year.

According to information collected by Champion Technologies, the hydraulic conductivity at the Champion site, which is east of the Herradura No. 3, is approximately  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  cm/s and the hydraulic gradient has been consistent at approximately 0.003 feet/foot, toward the east (ESC, 2006).

It is assumed at this time, before data collection, that this trend would be similar at the Chesapeake Herradura No. 3 site.

## **7.0 INVENTORY OF WATER WELLS WITHIN ONE MILE**

An inventory of water wells located within one mile of the site can be found in **Appendix II**. These well locations were obtained from the website of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer.

## **8.0 SURFACE OWNERSHIP**

Chesapeake will conduct a one-mile radius search from the site of all known and registered surface owners. A review of the public tax rolls of Lea County, NM will identify the name and addresses of the surface owners within one mile of the site and a list will be generated. A diagram depicting the one-mile radius search will be furnished.

## **9.0 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

All Stage 1 Abatement Plan activities will commence within 30 days of the final approval of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan following the public notice period and approval from the NMOCD. A schedule of site activities will be submitted to the NMOCD upon final approval of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan along with follow up quarterly progress reports then a final report upon completion of investigative Stage 1 Abatement activities.

## **10.0 DELIVERABLES**

A Stage 1 Abatement Plan Site Investigation Report will be submitted within 60 days upon completion of investigative activities which will include, but not limited to, a description and history of the site, site map, a description of site investigative activities, summary data tables, laboratory analytical data, ground water gradient map, isoconcentration maps and cross sections that depict any identified contamination that may have been released from the former drilling pit, and any data necessary to select and design an effective abatement option under NMOCD Rule 19 Stage 2 Abatement requirements.

A paper and electronic copy of all work plans and/or reports will be submitted to both the Santa Fe, New Mexico and Hobbs, New Mexico offices of the NMOCD.

## **11.0 ABATEMENT PROCESS**

On behalf of Chesapeake, BBC has submitted this Stage 1 Abatement Plan (AP-061) in accordance with NMOCD Rule 19 NMAC 15.1.19.

Upon NMOCD approval of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan, all public notice and participation requirements under Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC), specifically Rule 19G, will be followed.



## 12.0 REFERENCES

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# FIGURES

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## SITE DIAGRAM

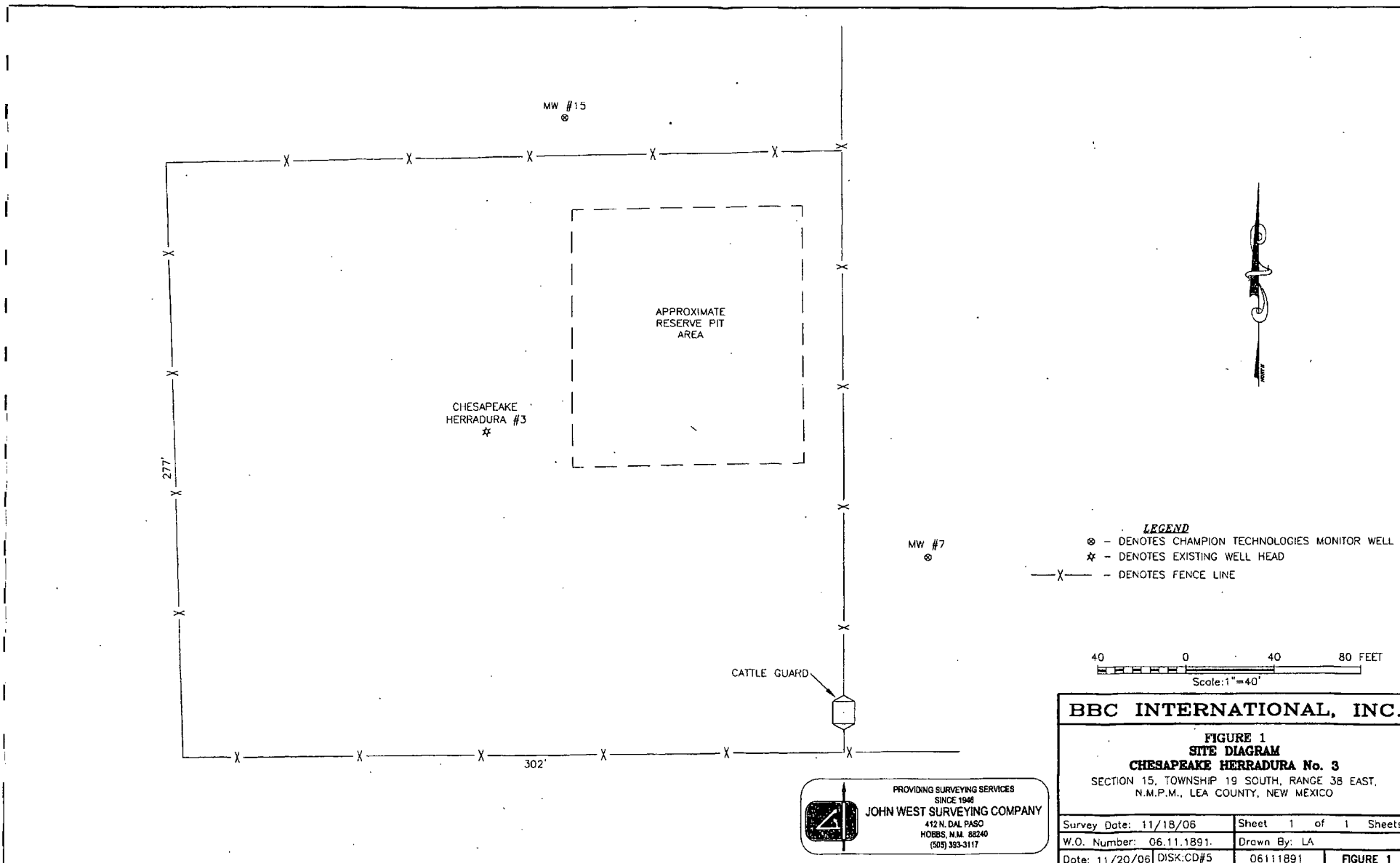
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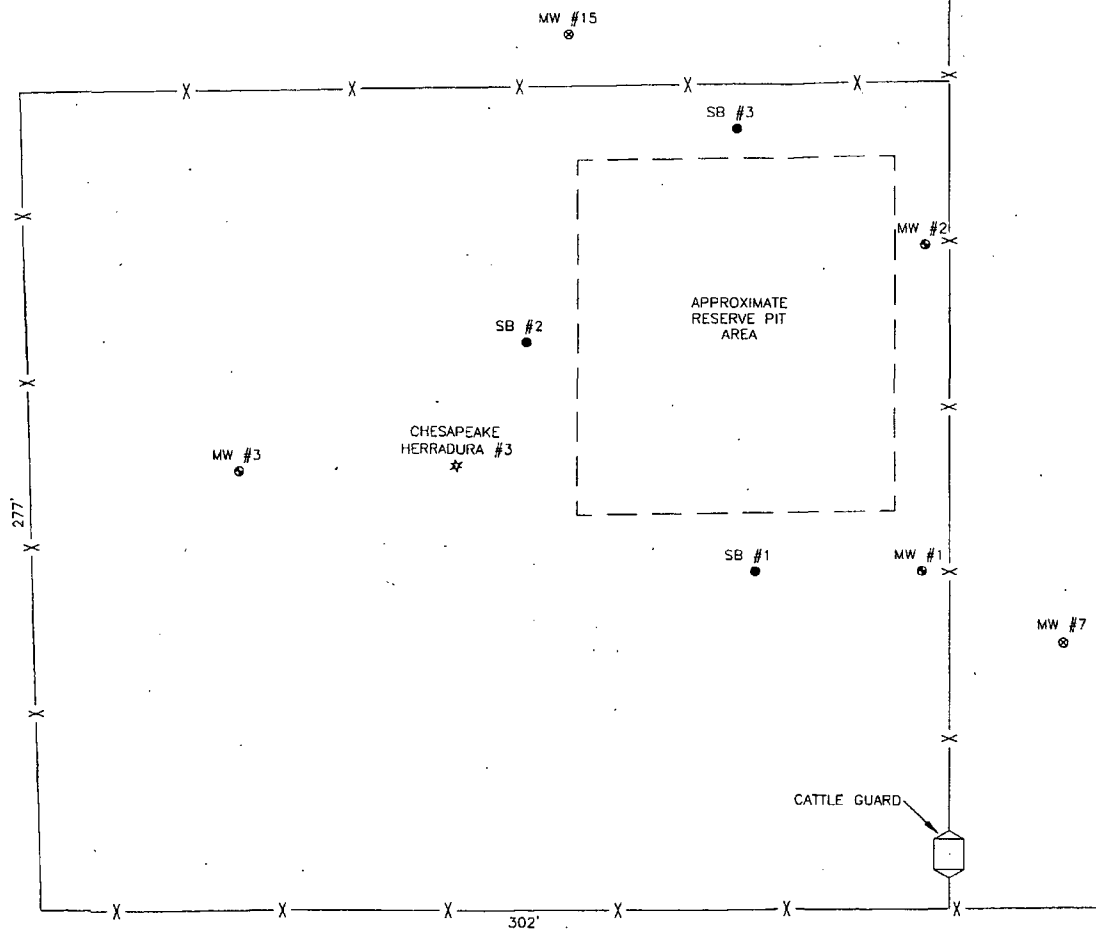
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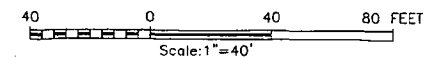
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#### LEGEND

- - DENOTES PROPOSED MONITOR WELL
- - DENOTES PROPOSED SOIL BORING
- ⊗ - DENOTES CHAMPION TECHNOLOGIES MONITOR WELL
- \* - DENOTES EXISTING WELL HEAD
- X— - DENOTES FENCE LINE



**BBC INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**FIGURE 2**  
**PROPOSED MONITOR WELLS AND SOIL BORINGS**  
**CHESAPEAKE HERRADURA No. 3**  
 SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST,  
 N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PROVIDING SURVEYING SERVICES  
 SINCE 1948  
**JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY**  
 412 N. DAL PASO  
 HOBBS, N.M. 88240  
 (505) 390-3117

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# APPENDIX I

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## NMOCD CORRESPONDENCE

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## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Director

Oil Conservation Division

October 4, 2006

Mr. Harlan Brown  
Chesapeake Energy Corporation  
P.O. Box 18496  
Oklahoma, OK 73154-0496

**RE: REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ABATEMENT PLAN  
CHESAPEAKE HERRADURA NO. 3  
SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Brown:

In response to your letter of September 22, 2006, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake) may inspect the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) files on the Champion Technologies, Inc. site and our field inspectors photographs during normal business hours. OCD noted problems with the Herradura No. 3 drilling pit during site visits on November 19, 2002 and January 21, 2003, but did not issue a formal Notice of Violation at that time. As previously noted, OCD has determined based on monitoring data from Monitor Well No. 7 at the Champion Technologies, Inc. site that the recent increase in the chlorides concentration at the Champion site is most likely due to a chloride plume migrating from the former Herradura No. 3 drilling pit onto the Champion site. OCD rejects your assertion that the requirement for Chesapeake to submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan is "*without merit*." The implications of the monitoring data are clear and unambiguous; therefore, as the "*responsible person*" of record, Chesapeake must submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan.

As per Mr. Hagemeyer's verbal request, OCD hereby extends the due date for Chesapeake's submission of its Stage 1 Abatement Plan from October 16, 2006, until November 1, 2006. OCD

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October 4, 2006  
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is also attaching photos of the Herradura No. 3 drilling pit taken on January 21, 2003.  
If you have any questions, please contact Glenn von Gonten of my staff at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Price', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wayne Price  
Environmental Bureau Chief  
Oil Conservation Division

Attachment (Photos)

cc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor

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**STAGE 1  
WORKPLAN**

**12/07/2006**





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**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT NO: 3929 4757**

**August 8, 2006**

Mr. Brad Blevins  
Chesapeake Operating, Inc.  
5014 W Carlsbad Hwy  
Hobbs, NM 88240 - 9229

**RE: REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ABATEMENT PLAN  
CHESAPEAKE HERRADURA NO. 3  
SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Blevins:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has determined that Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake) must submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with OCD's Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate ground water contamination at its Herradura No. 3 lease located in Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico. OCD is requiring this abatement plan at this time because it has determined that the chloride contamination recently detected at Monitor Well No. 7 at the adjacent Champion Technologies, Inc. site at 4001 South Highway 18 is coming from the former drilling pit associated with the Herradura No. 3. OCD noted several problems with the drilling pit during a site inspection in November 2002.

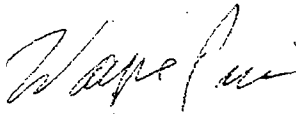
The Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal must be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office with a copy provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office and must meet all the requirements specified in Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC), including, but not limited to, the public notice and participation requirements specified in Rule 19G. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan is due sixty (60) days from the receipt by Chesapeake of this written notice.

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Chesapeake's Stage 1 Abatement Plan must meet all of the requirements specified in Rule 19E.3, including, but not limited to, a site investigation work plan and monitoring program that will enable it to characterize the chloride release using an appropriate number of isoconcentration maps and cross sections that depict the contamination that has been released from the former pit and to provide the data necessary to select and design an effective abatement option.

Chesapeake should submit one paper copy and one electronic copy of all future workplans and/or reports. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn von Gonten of my staff at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wayne Price".

Wayne Price  
Environmental Bureau Chief

cc: Chris Williams, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor

# APPENDIX II

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## INVENTORY OF WATER WELLS

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Hobbs, NM

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**STAGE 1  
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**New Mexico Office of the State Engineer**  
**POD Reports and Downloads**

Township: 19S    Range: 38E    Sections: 15,9,10,11,16,14,21,22,23

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County:                      Basin:                      Number:                      Suffix:

Owner Name: (First)                      (Last)                      ☐ Non-Domestic    ☐ Domestic    ☒ All

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Water Column Report

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**WATER COLUMN REPORT 12/04/2006**

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)  
 (quarters are biggest to smallest)

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